## How Zotero makes me a better person\*

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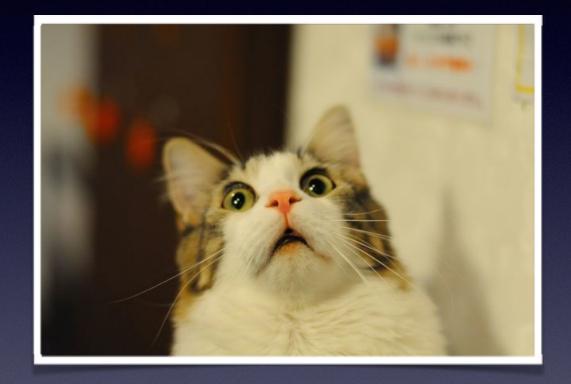


#### Who am I?

**BA/Honours in Socio-Informatics:** regular academic writing and research required. **Tech-minded:** always looking for better and simpler ways to complete tedious tasks.

My journey with Zotero

Me when I did the (manual) referencing for my first essay in first year:



What I didn't like about manual referencing:

- 1. It was a *schlep* to find and keep track of metadata about sources.
- 2. It was a *schlep* to keep track of which sources I used in a document and set up a bibliography according to the right style conventions.

Three software choices at the time:

- RefWorks: free ( ), but web-based with a horrible interface ( )
- EndNote: old-school and expensive (\\$)
- Zotero: open source, fantastic workflow (

During undergraduate years, I used Zotero for every essay/research project, writing my essays in Microsoft Word. I built up a library of references, which I could refer to and re-use when writing new essays.

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At postgraduate level, I was expected to start working in LaTeX —> forced me to reconsider my options:

- RefWorks: still web-based (\\$)
- EndNote: still expensive (\\$)
- Mendeley: good interface + cool mobile app (
   ), didn't find embedded research finder and "Import into Mendeley" bookmarklet effective (
- Zotero: still had a fantastic workflow. Killer
   feature = integration with Firefox (

## My Zotero workflow

# Collect > Organise > Cite

+Add own notes and annotations

#### Collect

Easily attach PDFs!

- ...using "Export citation" links in research catalogs (incl. directly from Google Scholar search results);
- 2. ... from any resource using the **address bar icon**;
- 3. ...using "Magic Add" or through metadata extraction from PDF;
- 4. ...by manually entering metadata (??).

## Organise

- Folders, folders, folders
- Tags for content organisation, but also for status tracking
- Stored searches
- Quick notes + Send to tablet

#### Use

- Use in Microsoft Word [I don't anymore]
  - Easily set referencing format
  - Easily insert references
  - Easily generate a bibliography in the right style
- Use in **Sublime Text** or other LaTeX editor

Collect > Organise > Cite

### A Zotero guide:

http://johannesjonker.com/2013/08/easy-referencingwith-zotero/

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